



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
H. L. Whitman, Jr.

October 1, 2018

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor
P. O. Box 12428
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The Honorable John Zerwas
Chair, House Committee on Appropriations
Texas House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jane Nelson
Chair, Senate Committee on Finance
Texas Senate
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Ms. Ursula Parks
Director, Legislative Budget Board
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Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Abbott, Chair Zerwas, Chair Nelson, and Ms. Parks:

I am pleased to submit for your review the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Rider 14 Report on Minority Child Removals. Pursuant to Rider 14 in the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act, 85th Legislature, DFPS reports data on the number and percentage of each race and ethnicity represented in the following categories:

- General child population for the state;
- Children who are reported to Statewide Intake for abuse or neglect; and
- Children whom Child Protective Services (CPS) investigates and removes.

The data is provided for the seven largest urban Texas counties: Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Hidalgo, Travis and El Paso. DFPS has produced similar reports each year from 2009-2017.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my Chief of Staff, Rand Harris. He can be reached by email at Rand.Harris@dfps.state.tx.us or by phone at (512) 438-3083.

Sincerely,

H. L. WHITMAN, JR.